



Tour Name : Sandalwood, Backwater & Spice Route

Duration ; 14 Nights / 15 Days

About the tour:

This our personal favorite itinerary has the ability to touch your soul and melt your heart. Curated to take you on a journey that arouses all your five sense. It will begin in I-tech city Bangaluru followed by Mysore where you will be fascinated by the grandeur of its palaces, buildings and statues. We make a halt at one of the most scenic Nagarhole national park and Sultans Battery coffee estate. We will spend the time at the magnificent tea estates of Ooty and Munnar. Enjoy mesmerizing houseboat cruise on backwaters, before being lazy at the hippy loved beach at Marari.

Outline Itinerary

Day 01; Arrive Bengaluru

On arrival at Bangalore airport assistance and transfer to hotel. Half day city tour visiting Lal Bagh Garden, Vidhana Soudha and Bangalore Palace & Fort. Overnight at hotel.

Day 02; Bengaluru - Mysore (150kms/ 3hrs approx)

Breakfast at hotel drive to Mysore check in at hotel. Afternoon two-hour heritage walk in the city, which starts at the bustling town hall, visits the colorful devaraja market and ends at the magnificent jagan mohan palace. During the walk you will uncover secrets and stories of Mysore and why it holds such a special place in our hearts. Overnight at hotel.

Day 03; Mysore

Breakfast at hotel. City tour of Mysore which has a lot to offer. First stop the Chamundi Hills, site of the Chamundeswari Temple and Nandi Bull as well as the vast City Palace, which was re-built by Henry Irwin during 1897 in an indo-saracenic style. The palace contains astonishing wall paintings, authentic stained glass work and ornamented doors. Excursion to visit the temple complex at Somnathpur and the exquisite Keshava Vishnu temple, one of the finest in India, along with Srirangapatnam where Tipu Sultan was killed in battle against an East India Company army including Arthur Wellesley, the Duke of Wellington. Overnight at hotel.

Day 04; Mysore - Nagarhole (90Kms/ 2hrs approx)

Breakfast at hotel drive to Nagarhole National Park. Southern India's finest reserve, Nagarhole is home to the tiger, bison, elephant, panther and sloth bear and has over 250 diverse species of birds. Check in at resort followed by lunch. Afternoon safari in the national park. Dinner & overnight in resort.

Day 05; Nagarhole

Breakfast at resort. Explore Nagarhole with an early morning and an evening game safari in the company of an expert naturalist. Established in 1955, Nagarhole is a beautiful reserve and predominately consists of

lush deciduous forests covering a large area to the north of the Kabini River. lunch, dinner & overnight in resort.

Day 06; Nagarhole - Sultans Battery (80Kms/ 2hrs approx)

Breakfast at resort drive to Sultan's Battery, a small town at the Western Ghats and at the centre of a region, which produces some of India's premium coffee, cardamom and vanilla. Arrive & check in at resort. Enjoy the local essence of Tranquil and the surrounding area. If feeling superbly energetic, you can opt for exploring the area with numerous walking trails through the grounds including a challenging hill trek to Look Out Rock. Dinner & overnight at resort.

Day 07; Sultans Battery - Ooty (135Kms/ 3hrs approx)

Breakfast at resort proceed to the hill station of Ooty. The capital of the Nilgiri 'Blue Mountain' district, Ooty boasts a temperate climate that once enticed the British to escape the summer heat of plains. Here they whiled away their time with endless socialising, bridge parties and Tiffin, which gave the town the catchy nickname of 'Snooty Ooty'. Check in at hotel and rest time to relax. Overnight at hotel.

Day 08; Ooty

Breakfast at hotel. Enjoy the town and visit the well-maintained botanical gardens, which have over 1,000 varieties of plants, shrubs and trees. also take a ride on the famous Nilgiri Mountain Railway that winds its way down through spectacular scenery and breathtaking views to the nearby town of Coonoor. Overnight at hotel.

Day 09; Ooty - Kochi (300Kms/ 6hrs approx)

Breakfast at hotel, drive to Kochi check in at hotel. Founded by Vasco-da-Gama in 1502, Kochi quickly developed into a principle port and the centre of the spice trade on the Malabar Coast. A picturesque town of dilapidated buildings, vibrant bougainvillea and a languid palm-fringed harbour, Portuguese, Dutch and British settlers have all influenced this charming city. Overnight at hotel.

Day 10; Kochi

Breakfast at hotel. Smell of the seawater and fish, hung over nets and locals on the beach – today we explore the Fort Kochi. Starting on foot, begin the day at the church of St Francis, the oldest European church in India, then walk to the town's waterfront – site of the iconic Chinese fishing nets and the many fish

stalls. Later visit Mattancherry Palace, which was built by the Portuguese in 1557 as a gift to the Raja of Kochi, and the town's fine synagogue. The area here is also known for its many antique and souvenir shops. End the day with a mesmeric sunset cruise around the bustling harbour. Overnight at hotel.

Day 11; Kochi - Alleppey (60Kms/ 1.3hrs approx)

Breakfast at hotel, drive to Alleppey the Kerala backwaters to join a private houseboat for a night cruise. Authentic and comfortable, all meals are cooked on board and the boat is staffed with a captain, a deck hand and a cook. Spend the remainder of day cruising the picturesque and peaceful backwaters.

Explore the backwaters that entails a network of lakes, coconut shaded canals and estuaries – tiled and thatched cottages bright with hibiscus dot the embankments and the cantilevered Chinese fishing nets hung over the water's edge. Witness local life with children swimming and playing in the water, women attending to their daily chores and men fishing from their canoes. Lunch, dinner & overnight in houseboat.

Day 12; Alleppey - Mararikulam (20kms/ 30min approx)

After breakfast disembark houseboat and drive to Marari and check in at a Beach Resort for a three-night stay. Rest time free and easy to relax on the beach. Overnight at beach resort.

Day 13; Mararikulam

Breakfast at hotel, day free and easy to relax on the beach and connect with yourself. Overnight at beach resort.

Day 14; Mararikulam

Breakfast at hotel, day free and easy to relax on the beach and connect with yourself. Overnight at beach resort.

Day 15; Mararikulam - Kochi (75kms/ 2hrs approx)

Breakfast at hotel. As per your flight schedule transfer to airport to board flight for onward destination.

Price details:

Price using 3 star hotels valid from 1st October 2019 till 31st March 2020										
Particular	Per person price staying in SINGLE occupancy rooms			Per person price sharing DOUBLE/ TWIN occupancy rooms			Per person price sharing TRIPLE occupancy rooms (double room with extra bed)			
	Currency	INR	Euro	USD	INR	Euro	USD	INR	Euro	USD
1 person		₹226,985	€ 3,026	\$3,492	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2 person		₹155,846	€ 2,078	\$2,398	₹119,713	€ 1,596	\$1,842	N/A	N/A	N/A
3 person		₹138,137	€ 1,842	\$2,125	₹127,506	€ 1,700	\$1,962	₹94,882	€ 1,265	\$1,460
4 person		₹135,625	€ 1,808	\$2,087	₹124,366	€ 1,658	\$1,913	₹92,370	€ 1,232	\$1,421
5 person		₹125,441	€ 1,673	\$1,930	₹111,636	€ 1,488	\$1,717	₹82,186	€ 1,096	\$1,264
6 person		₹121,654	€ 1,622	\$1,872	₹106,903	€ 1,425	\$1,645	₹78,400	€ 1,045	\$1,206
7 person		₹116,376	€ 1,552	\$1,790	₹100,305	€ 1,337	\$1,543	₹73,121	€ 975	\$1,125
8 person		₹112,417	€ 1,499	\$1,729	₹95,356	€ 1,271	\$1,467	₹69,162	€ 922	\$1,064
Child 5-11yrs		₹23,088			€ 308			\$355		
Child below 5yrs		Free								
H B supplement		₹9,412			€ 125			\$145		
Additional night in Bengaluru		₹5,147	€ 69	\$79	₹2,794	€ 37	\$43	₹2,402	€ 32	\$37

Price using 4 star hotels valid from 1st October 2019 till 31st March 2020										
Particular	Per person price staying in SINGLE occupancy rooms			Per person price sharing DOUBLE/ TWIN occupancy rooms			Per person price sharing TRIPLE occupancy rooms (double room with extra bed)			
	Currency	INR	Euro	USD	INR	Euro	USD	INR	Euro	USD
1 person		₹266,544	€ 3,554	\$4,101	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2 person		₹177,434	€ 2,366	\$2,730	₹119,713	€ 1,596	\$1,842	N/A	N/A	N/A
3 person		₹159,725	€ 2,130	\$2,457	₹127,506	€ 1,700	\$1,962	₹111,397	€ 1,485	\$1,714
4 person		₹157,213	€ 2,096	\$2,419	₹124,366	€ 1,658	\$1,913	₹108,885	€ 1,452	\$1,675
5 person		₹147,029	€ 1,960	\$2,262	₹111,636	€ 1,488	\$1,717	₹98,701	€ 1,316	\$1,518
6 person		₹143,243	€ 1,910	\$2,204	₹106,903	€ 1,425	\$1,645	₹94,914	€ 1,266	\$1,460
7 person		₹137,964	€ 1,840	\$2,123	₹100,305	€ 1,337	\$1,543	₹89,636	€ 1,195	\$1,379
8 person		₹134,006	€ 1,787	\$2,062	₹95,356	€ 1,271	\$1,467	₹85,677	€ 1,142	\$1,318
Child 5-11yrs		₹36,691			€ 489			\$564		
Child below 5yrs		Free								
H B supplement		₹13,309			€ 177			\$205		
Additional night in Bengaluru		₹8,676	€ 116	\$133	₹4,338	€ 58	\$67	₹3,750	€ 50	\$58

Price using 5 star hotels valid from 1st October 2019 till 31st March 2020										
Particular	Per person price staying in SINGLE occupancy rooms			Per person price sharing DOUBLE/ TWIN occupancy rooms			Per person price sharing TRIPLE occupancy rooms (double room with extra bed)			
	Currency	INR	Euro	USD	INR	Euro	USD	INR	Euro	USD
1 person	₹384,191	€ 5,123	\$5,911	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2 person	₹246,000	€ 3,280	\$3,785	₹128,721	€ 1,716	\$1,980	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
3 person	₹219,284	€ 2,924	\$3,374	₹127,506	€ 1,700	\$1,962	₹154,779	€ 2,064	\$2,381	
4 person	₹216,772	€ 2,890	\$3,335	₹124,366	€ 1,658	\$1,913	₹152,267	€ 2,030	\$2,343	
5 person	₹206,588	€ 2,755	\$3,178	₹111,636	€ 1,488	\$1,717	₹142,083	€ 1,894	\$2,186	
6 person	₹202,801	€ 2,704	\$3,120	₹106,903	€ 1,425	\$1,645	₹138,297	€ 1,844	\$2,128	
7 person	₹197,523	€ 2,634	\$3,039	₹100,305	€ 1,337	\$1,543	₹133,018	€ 1,774	\$2,046	
8 person	₹193,564	€ 2,581	\$2,978	₹95,356	€ 1,271	\$1,467	₹129,059	€ 1,721	\$1,986	
Child 5-11yrs	₹50,662			€ 675			\$779			
Child below 5yrs	Free									
H B supplement	₹29,956			€ 399			\$461			
Additional night in Bengaluru	₹22,059	€ 294	\$339	₹11,029	€ 147	\$170	₹8,578	€ 114	\$132	



Note: Euro & USD prices are subject to change in case of any fluctuation in currency exchange rate. Please check the currency exchange rate of the day for exact price in your currency. In any case our INR price will remain unchanged and shall be treated as final price.

Included in price:

- Garland welcome and assistance on arrival at airport.
- 14-nights / 15-days accommodation in offered hotels or similar (standard room).
- Daily breakfast at hotel in each package price.
- Accommodation in Nagarhole National Park and in Alleppey Houseboat includes all meals.
- Accommodation in Sultans Battery includes dinner at hotel.
- Deluxe Air-conditioned private vehicle with English speaking chauffeur as per tour program.
- Monuments Entrances of sightseeing places mentioned in the itinerary.
- Activities charges mentioned in the itinerary.
- 3 Time safari in Nagarhole National Park (2 morning & 1 afternoon)
- Government licensed English speaking tour guide on sightseeing days (local guide in each city).
- Applicable GST (government taxes).

Not Included in price:

- Any air fare
- Main Meals, Lunch or dinner unless mentioned
- Expenses of personal nature like liquor, laundry, tips, telephone, fax, internet etc.
- Or anything not mentioned above.

Hotels used or similar in above price

Day	City	3* Hotels	4* Hotels	5* Hotels
1	Bengaluru	Ramada/ The Rialto	Fortune Select JP Cosmos/ Lemon Tree Premier Ulsoor Lake	ITC Gardenia, a Luxury Collection/ ITC Windsor a Luxury Collection
2	Mysore	Southern Star/ Sandesh The Prince	Fortune Park JP Palace/ Grand Mercure	Royal Orchid Brindavan Garden/ The Windflower Resort & Spa

3	Mysore	Southern Star/ Sandesh The Prince	Fortune Park JP Palace/ Grand Mercure	Royal Orchid Brindavan Garden/ The Windflower Resort & Spa
4	Nagarhole			
5	Nagarhole			
6	Sultans Battery			
7	Ooty	Monarch Hotel/ Hotel Darshan	Fortune Resort Sullivan Court/ Sinclairs Retreat	Savoy - IHCL SeleQtions
8	Ooty	Monarch Hotel/ Hotel Darshan	Fortune Resort Sullivan Court/ Sinclairs Retreat	Savoy - IHCL SeleQtions
9	Kochi	The Dune Hotel/ Abad Plaza	Casino Hotel/ The Avenue Regent	Xandari Harbour/ Le Meridien
10	Kochi	The Dune Hotel/ Abad Plaza	Casino Hotel/ The Avenue Regent	Xandari Harbour/ Le Meridien
11	Alleppey	Deluxe Houseboat	Premium Houseboat	Luxury Houseboat
12	Mararikulam	EL Oceano Beach Villas/ La Plage Marari	Abad Turtle Beach Resort/ Marari Sands Beach Resort	Xandari Pearl/ Marari Beach Resort
13	Mararikulam	EL Oceano Beach Villas/ La Plage Marari	Abad Turtle Beach Resort/ Marari Sands Beach Resort	Xandari Pearl/ Marari Beach Resort
14	Mararikulam	EL Oceano Beach Villas/ La Plage Marari	Abad Turtle Beach Resort/ Marari Sands Beach Resort	Xandari Pearl/ Marari Beach Resort
15	Departure			

Payment Policy:

- Deposit of 25% of the package cost at the time of booking.
- Deposit of 50% of the package cost, 30 days prior to arrival date
- Deposit of 100% of the package cost, 7 days prior to arrival date

Cancellation policy:

Note: Written cancellation will accept on all working days, except Sunday, Any cancellation sent on Sunday's will be considered on next working day (Monday).

For the X-mas and New Year period from 20 Dec to 05 Jan the payment is non-refundable.

In case you cancel the trip after commencement, refund would be restricted to a limited amount only which too would depend on the amount that we would be able to recover from the hoteliers/ contractors we patronize. For unused hotel accommodation, chartered transportation & missed meals etc. we do not bear any responsibility to refund.

- Cancellation before 30 days – no cancellation fees only bank charges.
- Cancellation before 29 -15 days – 25% of the invoice plus bank charges.
- Cancellation before 14 –7 days - 50% of the invoice plus bank charges.
- Cancellation before 6 – 3 days - 75% of the invoice plus bank charges.
- Cancellation before 2 days – Now show 90% of the invoice.

Our Liabilities & Limitations:

Please note that after the finalization of the Tour/ service Cost, if there are any Hike in entrance fees of monuments / museums, Taxes, fuel cost or guide charges – by Govt of India, the same would be charged as extra.

Agora Voyages act only in the capacity of agent for the hotels, airlines, transporters, railways & contractors providing other services & all exchange orders, receipts, contracts & tickets issued by us are issued subject to terms & conditions under which these services are provided by them.

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Our rates are based on the prevailing rates as negotiated by us with the hotels, airlines etc. Hotels and Airlines retain the right to modify the rates without notice. In case of such changes the rates quoted before the modification, can be changed by us according to the modifications by hotels or

airlines. All hotel bookings are based on usual check in and check out time of the hotels until unless indicated in the itinerary.

We shall not be responsible for any delays & alterations in the program or expenses incurred – directly or indirectly – due to natural hazards, flight cancellations, accident, breakdown of machinery or equipment's, breakdown of transport, weather, sickness, landslides, political closures or any untoward incidents.

We shall not be responsible for any loss, injury or damage to person, property, or otherwise in connection with any accommodation, transportation or other services, resulting – directly or indirectly – from any act of GOD, dangers, fire, accident, breakdown in machinery or equipment, breakdown of transport, wars, civil disturbances, strikes, riots, thefts, pilferages, epidemics, medical or custom department regulations, defaults, or any other causes beyond our control.

We do not have any insurance policy covering the expenses for accident, sickness, loss due to theft, or any other reasons. Visitors are advised to seek such insurance arrangements in their home country. All baggage's & personal property/s at all times are at the client's risk.

We will not be responsible for any costs arising out of unforeseen circumstances like landslides, road blocks, bad weather, etc.

Tipping

Tipping is not included in our price. Tipping is optional, and at times expected in travel trade. Obviously there is no limit to how much you can tip and some guests who enjoy and appreciate the services of Guides, driver and other crew will and have tipped much more than our average tipping guideline of about \$10-15 per day.

Trip Comments

When you return from your trip, please share your experience with us. Any photos, suggestions will be appreciated. Although we try our best, Tourism is a trade, which cannot be perfect and there will always remain a room for improvement. Your comments (both criticism and compliments) are invaluable to us and we look forward to hearing from you, upon your return.